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# WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

## REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Mr. Chairman, Madam, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the annual report for the year 1943, together with the vital statistics

### Public Health Officers of the Auth ority.

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| Medical Officer of Health. | Dr. J.T.C. Sims-Roberts. |
| Medical Officer under Poor Law Acts and Public Vaccination. | Dr. A.E. Leapingwell. |
| Sanitary Inspector Winslow R.D.C. | Mr. J.C. Nicholls. |

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As from Oct.1st 1943 I took over from Dr. Leapingwell the duties of Medical Officer of Health for your district during the National Emergency.

### Pathological Examinations, Laboratory Facilities.

Arrangements were made for medical practitioners practicing in this district to enjoy the facilities provided by the Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Oxford, and they were circularised accordingly.

### Diphtheria Immunisation.

The offer of free immunisation to all children over one year throughout the district, was given through the agency of the schools wh ich were visited for the purpose. 119 children were immunised in this way during the year by the Medical Officer of Health.

An infant welfare centre is held at Winslow each month where immunisation is performed, and children from the Newton Longville area visit the Bletchley infant welfare centre.

The Bucks County Council Child Welfare Authority has also a scheme whereby children may be immunised by the family practitioner free of charge.

### Hospitals Serving the District.

1. General Hospital. Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury.
2. Infectious diseases. Grove Fever Hospital, Linslade.
3. Tuberculosis. None within the district. Suitable cases sent to the Berks & Bucks Sanatorium.
4. There is a Public Assistance Institution in Winslow providing about 60 beds.
5. Maternity. A Maternity Ward of 10 beds is provided at the Public Assistance Institution at Winslow.

Mental deficiency.

There is an Institution in Winslow for Mental defectives. 40 beds are provided, 33 for Females and 7 for Males. All cases are feeble minded and of low grade.

Treatment of Venereal Diseases.

The Bucks County Council are participants in the London & Home Counties Joint Scheme operated by the London County Council.

Full details of the hospitals within the Scheme, at any one of which patients from the County of Buckinghamshire can obtain treatment free of charge, may be obtained on application to the County Medical Officer of Health, County Hall, Aylesbury.

Local facilities for treatment.

Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury. The days and times for attendance are as follows:-

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| Males | Monday evenings.<br>Thursday ,, |
| Female | Monday ,,<br>Thursday ,, |

In necessitous cases application for assistance towards payment of travelling expensesshould be made to the Medical Officer at the Clinic.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

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|---|---|
| Area (in acres) | 36,260 |
| Number of inhabited houses 31st December 1943 (according to Rate Book) | 2,140 |
| Rateable Value (31st December 1943) | £ 29469. 0. 0. |
| Sum represented by Penny Rate (31st March 1944) | £ 119. 0. 0. |

EXTRACT OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR 1943.

Live Births. total 95.

| | Male | Female | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| Legitimate. | 48 | 39 | 87 |
| Illegitimate. | 5 | 3 | 8 |
| Still Births | 1 | 2 | 3 |

Deaths.

| | |
|---|---|
| Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis | None |
| Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age. | 4 |
| Deaths from Measles | None |
| Deaths from Whooping Cough | None |
| Deaths from Diarrh oea under 2 yrs of age | None |

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| Birth Rate. | 12 | per thousand |
| Death Rate. | 12 | per thousand |
| Infant mortality rate. | 42 | per th ousand |

## PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS & OTHER DISEASES.

During the year 43 cases were reported:-

### Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1943.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Scarlet Fever | 24 | Deaths | None |
| Diphtheria | 2 | ,, | ,, |
| Pneumonia | 1 | ,, | ,, |
| Measles | 4 | ,, | ,, |
| Whooping Cough | 11 | ,, | ,, |
| Erysipelas | 1 | ,, | ,, |
| | 43 | | |

### Tuberculosis.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Cases | 4 | Respiratory | 2 | Non-Respiratory | 2 |
| Deaths. | 1 | Respiratory | 1 | Non-Respiratory | 0 |

### Analysis of Deaths.

| | |
|---|---|
| Tuberculosis. Respiratory | 1 |
| Influenza | 2 |
| Cancer (all sites) | 19 |
| Diabetes | 1 |
| Other digestive disorders | 5 |
| Intra cranial vascular lesions | 16 |
| Heart disease | 18 |
| Bronchitis | 5 |
| Nephritis | 1 |
| Premature birth | 3 |
| Suicide | 2 |
| Other violent causes | 14 |
| All other causes | 8 |
| | 95 |

In conclusion I would remark that the general standard of health throughout the district is satisfactory, and no serious epidemic has been reported during this year.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

F. T. C. Sais-Robb

Medical Officer of Health.

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# RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WINSLOW.

## Annual Report of Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

Council Offices,
Winslow.

19th September 1944.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Curtis & Gentlemen,

My duties commenced on 26th October 1942. My first report therefore covers the fourteen months ending 31st Dec. 1943.

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|---|---|
| Complaints investigated | 189 |
| Nuisances abated | 1006 |
| Preliminary notices given | 616 |
| Legal notices served | 6 |
| Prosecutions | nil |

Summary of inspections made:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Houses | 1532 |
| War Damage to property | 125 |
| Factories | 7 |
| Workshops | 37 |
| Workplaces | 75 |
| Shops | 81 |
| Food preparing places, Bakers, Butchers etc. | 94 |
| Dairies & Cowsheds | 166 |
| Water supply | 62 |
| Sewerage, Sewage Disposal Works & Refuse Tips | 352 |
| New Buildings & Alterations (Byelaws) | 107 |
| Miscellaneous, Railings, Salvage, etc. | 386 |
| Total | 3024 |

Arising from these inspections nuisances have been abated and improvements effected as follows:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Roofs repaired | 111 |
| Gutters, downpipes and wastes repaired | 54 |
| House pavings repaired | 22 |

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| Dirty houses and yards cleansed | 45 |
| Overcrowding abated | 3 |
| New drains constructed | 8 |
| Drains repaired or ventilated | 33 |
| Blocked drains opened | 77 |
| Water closets constructed | 14 |
| Water closets repaired | 13 |
| Water laid to houses | 9 |
| Pumps & Service pipes repaired | 112 |
| Privies constructed | 2 |
| Privies repaired | 11 |
| Privy pails renewed | 18 |
| Privies converted to W.C's | 1 |
| Broken wall and ceiling plaster repaired | 57 |
| Broken windows repaired | 23 |
| Broken ranges and firegrates repaired | 86 |
| Wash coppers repaired | 32 |
| Sinks provided | 9 |
| Ashbins provided | 7 |
| Sewage ditches cleansed | 43 |
| Blocked sewers opened | 24 |
| Cesspools emptied | 25 |
| Offensive refuse removed | 24 |
| Dangerous houses and buildings demolished | 4 |
| New Dairies & Cowsheds erected or provided | 6 |
| Dairies limed 17, Drained 8, Paved 5, Lighted 6, Ventilated 4, | 40 |
| Miscellaneous | 93 |
| Total. | 1006 |

Milk Production.

Much needed attention has been directed to the condition of Dairies and Cowsheds, 166 inspections being made, 3 new dairies and 3 cowsheds have been erected or provided on notice. Some 40 defects were remedied and 7 registrations effected.

A number of notices and requests made for attention were outstanding at the end of the year.

Meat & other Foods. Inspection & Condemnation.

Inspections were made of almost all food preparing and food retailing premises in the District, and structural and cleanliness improvements effected where found necessary. In all, some 175 inspections were made of Butchers, Bakers, Caterers and Provision Shops.

Forty one surrenders of unsound food were made after condemnation and classified as follows:-

Tinned meats 143 lbs, fish 28 lbs, fruit 57 lbs, jams 2 lb, milk 3 lbs, vegetables 16 lbs, bacon 75 lbs. Total weight 324 lbs.

Plans & Building Byelaws.

Twenty four plans were submitted and approved, in five cases on demand after the building or alteration had been begun or completed.

107 inspections were made of works in progress.

26 contraventions of your Building Byelaws were noted, and compliance therewith secured after notice.

Council Houses.

Within one month of my taking up duties in the District, Mr. T. Ward, responsible for keeping your 228 Council Houses in repair, was directed to work considered of greater National importance. Since that time necessary repairs have been carried out by local contractors, necessitating more frequent visits and inspections on my part for supervision, 733 visits being made.

Distemper for decorating room interiors and firebricks for renewals to ranges have been supplied to your tenants on request. Owing to Mr. Wards absence I have carried out this duty, using my own car for the purpose.

Salvage. Amounts collected as follows:-

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| Paper | 31 | tons | 5 | cwts. |
| Rags | 5 | ,, | 0 | ,, |
| Bones | 3 | ,, | 1½ | ,, |
| Rubber | 6 | ,, | 2 | ,, |

Their sale realised £247 of which roughly £180 was paid to Parishes concerned for their various charities.

I am greatly indebted to the ladies of the W.V.S., village helpers and particularly to Mr. Caron for his patriotic contribution to this effort in collecting and sorting the materials salvaged.

I would take this opportunity of thanking you for the support given me in carrying out the duties of my appointments.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

Jas F Nicholls.

Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector.